A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

Saturday, June 21. 1712.

I Always said, the Precipitance of the *Jacobite* Party would be their own Undoing; it was their Ruin when they had the Game in their Hands, when a Popish Prince was upon the Throne, and they had bid fair for restoring the Power of *Rome* in the Church, as well as Arbitrary Government to the Throne; they could no more contain themselves within due Bounds, they could no more forbear pushing at all, before Things were ripen'd up to a Posture fit for it, than they could forbear to be *High-Flyers*.—'Tis the Nature of their Party from this very Qualification they got the Name of *High-Flyers*; they are all of the Family of Young *Phaeton*, and will set their own Cause on Fire, whether their Friends will or no.

It is evident, no Prince in the World, no Government in the World, ever Treated Enemies, so Quali-

Qualified and ſo Circumſtanced, with that Lenity, Mercy, and Gentleneſs, as her Majeſty and the preſent Government have Treated the *Jacobites*, eſpecially in *Scotland*—— Nay, the Government actually ſuffers under the Conſequences of that Lenity many Ways, as particularly by the Cenſures of the Friends to the Revolution, as if this forbearance of, and Encouragement given to the *Jacobites*, was the Effect of a cold Side to the Proteſtant Succeſſion, and a Diſguſt to the Houſe of *Hannover*, and hence have proceeded the many Ridiculous Notions of the Queen demitting in Favour of her Brother; her Majeſty owning herſelf an Uſurper, and revoking the Act of Settlement.

But this is not the only Effect this Lenity of the Government has had, for the Merciful forbearance of a juſt Government, makes our *Jacobites* do juſt as God's Reprobate People of Old did before them, *Becauſe I kept ſilence, thou thoughteſt me ſuch an one as thyſelf.* The Queen has not purſu'd theſe People with the Hand of Juſtice, and the fooliſh Exaſperated Party have the Folly to think her Majeſty is juſt ſuch a one as themſelves—— That becauſe her Majeſty has not Hang'd all the *Jacobites*, that therefore the Queen herſelf is a *Jacobite*; in this State-Madneſs they have run on to all deſperate Exceſſes, even to Affront the Queen, Curſe the Government, and Act all the Fooliſh, as well as Inſolent Mad Things in the World, making good that other Text, that becauſe Judgment is not ſpeedily Executed againſt Evil Doers, therefore the Hearts of Men are bent within them to do Wickedly; as if, becauſe the Queen did not Avenge herſelf, therefore ſhe had no Senſe of the Injury; as if, becauſe ſhe *did not*, that therefore ſhe *would not* ſtrike; nay, ſome have gone that length, as to ſay, ſhe *dare not* ſtrike, or, as if becauſe her Majeſty did not Reſent to-day, that therefore ſhe would not to-morrow; or becauſe not this Year, therefore not at all.

I ſhall ſay no more by Way of Remark, till I have referr'd you to a Letter I receiv'd laſt Poſt, from *Scotland*; the Contents whereof I believe to be very true.

Mr. *Review*,

" I Have little to Write, but a " ſhort Hiſtory of our Tenth of " *June* Heroes, who did ſignalize " themſelves, and Solemnize that " Day after another manner than " formerly: there was a grand Convention of all the *Jacobites*, from " all the Corners of the Country, " and leaſt their Number ſhould " be obſerv'd, and occaſion ſome " jealouſie, they divided themſelves into two Squadrons, and " met under pretext of a Marriage, " one in the City and the other in " *Hermiſton*, 3 or 4 Miles diſtant " from the City: That in the City, was a Marriage of Dr. *Pitcairn*'s Servant, where he and all " his Cabal drank the Healths, and " cauſed their Muſicians to play the " Spring

" Spring (Tunes) of the Day, *A-way Whigs away*; *and the King shall enjoy his own again*, &c. That " Marriage in the Country, was the " Servant of the Lady *Alderſton* of " the Family of *Hay*, where acted " as Maſter of the Feaſt, a certain " Member of ——, and where " the Healths and the Springs of " the Day were alſo drank and " play'd; but at Night, the two " Squadrons met in our City, where " they acted alſo like the Heroes " of the Day; ſeveral Gentlemen " appearing among the Mob, A-" nimating and Encouraging them, " and obliging the People whom " they met upon the Streets, to " fall down upon their bare Knees " and drink the Health of King " *James* VIII. Confuſion to the *Go-" vernment*, and *Confuſion* to the " *Proteſtant Succeſſion*: The Cry of " the Mob was all this while, *Down " with the Whiggs*, *down with the " HANNOVERIANS*: A knot of " *Jacobites* got into *Arthur Read's* " Houſe, the Vintner's, where they " had the *Haut-Boys* playing to " them all Night. They kept o-" pen Windows, and another knot " upon the Streets anſwer'd to " them, by Dancing to their Mu-" ſick, and Pledging the Healths " of the Day, *as they call them*; " this was between two and three " in the Morning. The Magi-" ſtrates cauſed the whole Town-" Council, all the Deacons of Crafts, " all the City Captains, Lieute-" nants and Enſigns, and all the " Conſtables, to aſſemble, and the " Magiſtrates with their White " Rods, walk'd through the Streets " the whole Night, to keep the " Peace of the City; at whoſe ap-" pearance, the Gentlemen, with " their Retinue, the Rabble, al-" ways fled as faſt as their Feet " could carry them; (this *Arthur " Read's* Houſe is a little below the " Croſs, on the South-ſide of the " Street) after this, theſe Heroes " with their Mobbiſh Retinue, " would go to the Abbey which " they ſaid, was the King's own " Houſe, and there they would " drink the Pretender's Health, but " the Abbey Guard would not al-" low them to enter the Court, and " they offering to do it by Force, " the Guards fir'd, *but only* blank " Powder, which, however, made " the Heroes and their Rabble run " for it: Thus they continu'd to " ramble through the Streets, till " ſix of the Clock the next Morn-" ing; the Magiſtrates Apprehend-" ed about 18 or 20 of them, and " have put them into the *Tolbooth*, " where they are ſtill lying; but " drop'd *ſome Gentlemen*, whom " they alſo Apprehended, for Rea-" ſons known to themſelves. To " add to the Solemnities of the " Day, there was a great Bonfire " on the Hill call'd *Arthur's Seat*; a-" nother in the *Calton*, another in " Mr. *Semple's* Pariſh, about a Mile " from his Houſe; and that they " might not want a Bonfire extraor-" dinary, ſome Perſons ſet on Fire " a Field of Whinns and Broom, " about four Acres of Ground,

" which

" which burnt till the next Day at " six of the Clock in the Morning: " Yea, ſome Houſes in the City " had Illuminations openly, and " moſt part of the Ships in the " Harbour of *Leith*, had out their " Flags and Streamers; and which " was moſt remarkable, two *Engliſh* " Men of War which were in " the Road of *Leith*, had out their " Streamers; I think they call " them the *Hind* and the *Aldborough*, " in one of which there was a " great deal of ſmall Shot fir'd, " and at the End of the Peer of " *Leith*, there was a Royal Stand- " ard Erected with a long Stream- " er, and above them was a Crown " and Thiſtle, and St. *Andrew*'s " Croſs, and above that, in large " Letters, *God ſave K. J. the* VIIIth. " and underneath, *no Abjuration*; " when the Magiſtrates got notice " of this, they ſent *Bailie Cockburn* " Bailie of *Leith*, to take this Stand- " ard down, which he brought to " the Town, and which I ſaw in the " *Council Chamber*; he took a Liſt al- " ſo of the Names of the Ships, and " and of the Maſters thereof, that " had out their Flags and Stream- " ers in the Harbour. This is a " ſhort, tho' Confus'd Account, " how the Tenth of *June* was ob- " ſerv'd in this Place; whether the " Queen's Servants here will Re- " preſent it to the Government, I " know not, but this I can aſſure " you of, that *Jacobitiſm* is more " bare fac'd here, than ever; " and within theſe two Years there " are ſome Thouſands more *Jaco-* " *bites* in *Scotland* than there were " before, ſo that they are upon the " growing Hand; I know not how " it is with You. *Yours*, &c.

I ſhall make no Remarks on this Excellent piece of Pageantry, but only tell the Gentlemen *Jacobites*, that in thus forcing the Government to Proſecute them, they do the Miniſtry a very great Service, by making it abſolutely neceſſary to puniſh them, in defence of the publick Peace: I ſhall Addreſs myſelf to the Gentlemen themſelves in my next.

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